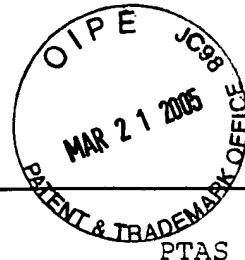


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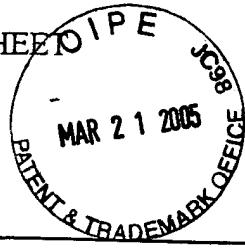
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ASSIGNMENT FOR PATENT APPLICATION
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WHEREAS, BP Exploration Operating Company Limited, (hereinafter ASSIGNOR) of Britannic House, 1 Finsbury Circuit, London, England EC2M 7BA, owns rights in U.S. application Serial No 10/014,795 entitled REDUCTION IN MINERAL SALT DEPOSITION, by virtue of an assignment from the inventors dated December 13, 2001, recorded in the United States Patent & Trademark Office on February 12, 2002 at Reel 012573, Frame 0035;

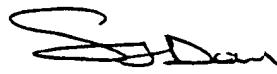
WHEREAS, Asymptote Limited (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the Country of England, having an office and place of business at St. John's Innovation Centre, Cambridge, England CB4 4WS is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNOR by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest in the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100, in and to the aforesaid application and all subsequent applications based thereon, including any and all continuations, divisions, reissues, and substitutes of said application, and all resulting patents, and the ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademark to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any papers by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, deemed essential to ASSIGNEE'S full protection and title in and to the rights hereby transferred.

AGREED and executed as noted below:

1 November 2002



Date

BP Exploration Operating Company Limited
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Witnessed by:

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